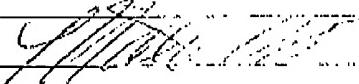


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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated June 3, 2003. Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal on November 3, 2003, setting the date for filing an Appeal Brief to January 3, 2004. This paper is accompanied by a Petition for a three month extension of time, making this response timely filed on or before April 3, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. This paper places the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Accordingly, applicants request that this paper be entered into the file, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115.